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EVENT#: 171001-3519

SPECIFIC CRIME: ACTIVE SHOOTER / MURDER

DATE OCCURRED: 10-01-17

TIME OCCURRED: 2208 HOURS

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: MANDALAY BAY RESORT AND CASINO
3950 S. LAS VEGAS BOULEVARD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89119

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

CLARK COUNTY

NAME OF PERSON GIVING STATEMENT: OFFICER MICHAEL THIELE (MT), P# 9199

DOB:

SOCIAL SECURITY #:

RACE:

SEX:

HEIGHT:

WEIGHT:

HAIR:

EYES:

HOME ADDRESS:

PHONE 1:

WORK ADDRESS:

PHONE 2:

The following is the transcription of a tape-recorded interview conducted by DETECTIVE S. KEITH (SK), P# 9190, LVMPD FORCE INVESTIGATION TEAM, on 10-03-17 at 1639 hours. Also present is Las Vegas Police Protective Association representative S. Grammas (SG), P# 6090.

SK: All right, Operator, this is Detective Keith with the Force Investigation Team conducting a recorded statement with Michael Theil. Uh, last name is Tom, Henry, Ida, Easy, Lincoln, Easy. First name is Michael. P# 9199. His call sign for, uh, the day in question is 3 Ocean 55. Date of hire is [REDACTED] He is stationed out of Enterprise Area Command. Uh, squad is Enterprise 33. RDOs are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday - Thursday, he works swings 1500 to 0100. Vehicle he was operating that day was 10752. The interview is reference, uh, an officer-involved shooting, um, that occurred 10-1-2017, Mandalay Bay, located at 3950 South Las

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Vegas Boulevard, under Event 171001-3519. Today's date is 10-3-2017. The time is 1639. This statement is being conducted at LVMPD Headquarters, Building A, Third Floor Conference Room. Also present is PPA - you're the president, right?

SG: Yeah.

SK: PPA President Grammas, P# 6090. Are you aware this, uh, interview is being recorded?

MT: Yes.

SK: Okay. And before we get started, what uniform were you wearin' that day?

MT: Patrol uniform, standard patrol uniform.

SK: Okay. So obviously we're here in reference to the active shooter that took place at the Route 91 Festival. Um, just tell me how you learned about the call and what your response was and what you did.

MT: Uh, how I learned about the call was through the radio. Uh, I heard that there was a - a 415A, uh, at the convention center. I typically always turn over the radio channels to see what's goin' on...

SK: Mm-hm.

MT: ...and hear it. Um, I then subsequently heard that an officer was down. And I knew my brother was in that area.

SK: Mm-hm.

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MT: I thought it was my brother that was hit. And I immediately went to the area. Uh, once I found out he wasn't hit, myself and Officer Bunitsky, uh, parked at Russel and Las Vegas Boulevard where we teamed up with four other officers and a sergeant and we started making our way into the Mandalay Bay. And we subsequently teamed up with, uh, the SWAT Officer, I believe his name was Levi.

SK: Mm-hm.

MT: And, uh, he brought us up to the 32nd floor and kept u- p- kept us as his team.

SK: Okay. Um, when you arrived at the 32nd floor, what - what took place?

MT: Uh, we originally were at the 32nd floor. Um, uh, Levi pulled us back and we went down one of the hallways, went to the stairwell that I believe was on the westside or walking west. Uh, we went down the - the flights under to the 31st floor. Went, uh, to the other stairwell that was adjacent to the suspect's room and went up that stairwell...

SK: Mm-hm.

MT: ...to, uh, where Levi de- developed a plan.

SK: Okay. So once he came up with the plan, what'd you guys do?

MT: Uh, once he made the plan, uh, he, uh, pointed at everyone, said, "I need you four, uh, to, uh, come with me. And then you three, once we go in, stay here and watch this room. And once the explosive breach was done, um, they pulled us out. We saw that there was cameras that were on a, um, cart.

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SK: Mm-hm.

MT: And we, uh, we subsequently while we were watchin' that room, at one point, they asked for, um, the second explosive breach. And somebody brought the second charge in and, uh, another officer to come in. And that's when I came in. They, uh, did the explosive breach. Um, and then they said it was Code Four. And at that point, it was done.

SK: Okay. Did you ever at any time go inside the rooms? Or any room?

MT: Uh, just into the room, uh, the furthest I went was, um, door and there's, uh, a little hallway here with the, um, I wouldn't - I wouldn't say it was a - it looked like a sink. I can't remember what it was.

SK: Mm-hm.

MT: And, uh, then it was the open part right around there. No further than that.

SK: Okay. And that was, would you believe that was the suspect's room, correct?

MT: No. I was not into the suspect's room. I never saw the suspect.

SK: Okay. Uh, so the room you went into, I mean...

MT: It w- it - I would call it, like, the family room of the suite. The - the main area of the suite.

SK: Okay. And so, that was - just - just to kinda back up, so there was an explosive breach, right?

MT: Correct.

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SK: Okay. And then you waited or you went in?

MT: Waited. I was holding on the front door - I'm sorry. Not the, uh, second, uh, door that we thought that the suspect with the wire and the cameras were coming out.

SK: Okay. So you stood on that position right there and then they went in and cleared the room. And then they called for you guys to come in?

MT: Yes. They - they asked for the ex-, uh, second explosive breach. Uh, somebody came out, I don't know which one, uh, someone else ran in the explosive breach. Went - we backed in, uh, to the room and at that point, they said Code Four, they were good. Um, and then I felt no reason to go in any further.

SK: Okay. So when you guys - when you came up that stairwell, was that the door that was directly adjacent to the suspect's room? Or...

MT: The stairwell, I- so, the stairwell was on the west wall.

SK: Mm-hm.

MT: The suspect's, uh, double door was on the north wall and the second one was on the east wall.

SK: Okay. Did you guys have any issues coming through that - that door at all?

MT: I wouldn't say issues, no. But it was, I mean there were a- a lotta officers there.

SK: Okay. All right. So you really didn't go that far into...

MT: No.

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SK: ...the suite. And then after that, you just...

MT: Uh, Officer Bunitsky and myself, uh, once we figured - and once we knew it was Code Four and they weren't gonna need us anymore, we went down and as we went down to the, uh, where the CP was, we got asked to be, uh, a part of the force protection, which was Force Pro One, but I was Strike Team 21 at that point.

SK: Okay. All right. Um, is there anything else you wanna add that you think we should know about or, uh...

MT: No.

SK: ...somethin' that you wanna. Okay. You guys?

SG: Uh, transcription, this is Grammas. Did you see any weapons when you went into that family room area?

MT: Uh, yeah. There was, um, uh, one that originally was at the front of the door was a - a rifle that was facing the door. And it, uh, was on a bi-pod. And then there were, uh, a couple others further into the room.

SG: See any broken windows?

MT: I did not.

SG: 'Kay. Did you see the suspect?

MT: I did not.

SG: (Unintelligible).

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SK: That's it? Okay. All right. Operator this is the end of the interview. The time is 1647
Hours and same persons are present.

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